ing and balckmarketing in edible oils during last two years; and

(b) the extent of price spread in the edible oil as a result of the Market Intervention Operation by NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). During Oil Year 1990-91, the NDDB had been successful in reducing the price spread to 30% for groundnut oil which is the major price determinant for other edible oils. NDDB has no statutory powers for preventing profiteering and black-marketing in edible oils.

Oil and Natural Gas in North Bihar

4558. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas reserves have been found in the districts of North Bihar adjoining Nepal Terai area;

(b) if so, whether exploration works has been started there;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the result achieved so far from the drilling conducted in Dullipatti of Madhubani district and Khagaul in East-Champaran; and

(e) the steps being taken to continue this drilling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). Although Exploration work is in progress in North Bihar however, no hydrocarbons have been found so far.

(d) The well Madhubani-1 was drilled very close to Dullipatti in Madhubani district. No well has been drilled in Khagaul. However, well Raxaul-1 was drilled in East Champaran district. These wells have not yielded any hydrocarbons.

(e) Presently well Kadamaha-1 in West Champaran district is under drilling. Further drilling will depend on the results of this well.

Compensation to land owners by the ONGC for Acquiring Land from Drilling Purpose in Andhra Pradesh

4559. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether full compensation has been paid to the land owners by the ONGC for acquiring land for drilling purpose in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether one member from each of the affected families has been given job; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which one member of each of the affected families is likely to be given job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). ONGC has acquired land in Andhra Pradesh, only on lease basis for the limited period of drilling, for which lease rental is being paid by the ONGC, as fixed by

the State Revenue Authorities. When the land is temporarily acquired on lease, there is no obligation on ONGC to provide employment to the members of the affected families.

Rabi Programme in Orissa

4560. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take up a contingency plan for Orissa for Rabi Programme in order to take advantage of the post-flood conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(d) the funds released or proposed to be released for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The government does not propose to take up any Contingency Plan for Orissa for Rabi Programme. However, to take advantage of the post flood conditions, the following Strategy of production during rabi/summer season of 1991-92 has been worked out by the Orissa State Department of Agriculture which was discussed and finalised at the National conference of Rabi Campaign held in New Delhi in September, 1991. The details are given below:-

(i) With the residual moisture available either after receding of flood water of after the harvest of autumn and mid-term paddy, depending upon situation, pulses like green gram, black gram; oilseeds like groundnut, seasmum and mustard may be given priority for extensive coverage;

(ii) Wherever small irrigation sources including lift irrigation are available, emphasis should be given to provide irrigation to pulses, groundnut and mustard crops. Irrigation water from major projects should be used judiciously for growing Wheat and summer paddy;

(iii) Special emphasis be given on timely sowings, use of weedicide and increased coverage with high yielding varieties and growing them with proper package of practices for higher crop production; and

(iv) Arrangement of inputs should be made well in advance.

The progress of Rabi Production Programme in Orissa is being monitored by the Union Ministry of Agriculture.

(d) No special financial assistance has been provided for 1991-92 for contingent crop planning for rabi production programme.

Ganga Barrage project at Kanpur

4561. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has since submitted to the Union Government the modified project record regarding the Ganga barrage Project at Kanpur; and

(b) if so, the details including the estimated cost thereof?